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4. **Berth** Vessel's first berth was located at designator A, normally a steel berth, and vessel later moved to a berth at designator B. At designator A 196 metric tons of deck cargo, consisting of formic and acetic acid, was loaded.

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At designator B vessel loaded 10,081 metric tons coal in bulk via ship's winches. Nine thousand metric tons of this cargo were waiting on the wharf and about one thousand metric tons arrived by train while the ship was loading the first portion. numerous women and children, some less than 10 years old, who helped with the loading, lifting the lumps into wheelbarrows and carting them to the waterside. workers in Tsingtao harder workers than those in other Chinese ports.

5. Merchant Vessels

A new Soviet-registry motor vessel was loading coal at designator D. this vessel is on a regular Shanghai/Tsingtao run.

6. Harbor and Harbor Construction

work in progress in area

gangs of coolies were swarming over the area, one of their number, apparently a foreman, had a red flag which plant near one gang or another at varying intervals. this man was supervising "work gangs" wherein each gang competed for the honor of having the flag stuck near them. At designator F four or five coal loaders are located. The technique used is to load ships half way with their own booms, which will lower the ship sufficiently for the loaders to be used. These loaders are reportedly capable of loading 10 thousand tons in 24 hours.

7. Shipyards

a small shipyard at which is capable of repair work only. this yard was lighted at night, indicating that work was proceeding on a 24-hour basis.

8. Military Installations

a. two or three twin-engine airplanes on T'uan Tao, at designator H.

b. appeared to be a radar installation on Cha Lien Tao. there is a structure about 50' high with a rectangular screen some 3-4' by 12' located on top of the central hill of the island and a bit to the east. Another smaller but otherwise identical radar structure is located to the west of the former. Both screens seemed to be turning slowly.

9. Naval Vessels

two destroyer types anchored at designator I. Two destroyer types were berthed alongside at presence of three-mine-craft, somewhat similar to the 105' MMS class with a pronounced counter-stern, and one or two mine-craft similar to "the American BING class." and which looked most like the 136' AMS class

All these mine-craft were berthed end-on and side by side. there were three LST types in subject harbor, one of which was berthed at the head of a quay at designator M, and apparently used for a training vessel. this last ship is very large, and carries only one anchor. At designator N a submarine was under repairs and coated with red-lead paint. two or three naval vessels with two funnels, two guns forward and two guns aft. them somewhat similar to the POLUKHIN fast minesweeper class.

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